1.   (Amended)   An information processing apparatus for creating content information according to a predetermined specification [wherein: said] , the content information [according to said predetermined specification is created to include] including a scene [created to include] including an object for creating [said] the content information and [to include at least] control information for controlling an output format of [a] the scene or [an] object [; said content information according to said predetermined specification defines] and defining a shared object which can be [used by being] shared among a plurality of scenes [; and], said information processing apparatus comprising:

a shared-scene definer operable to define [definition means for defining] a shared scene [as an editing material processible in said information processing apparatus where a], said shared scene [is] being a virtual scene usable [as a scene common to a] by the plurality of scenes;

a shared-scene [creation means for creating] creator operable to create said shared scene by using [any] at least one [arbitrary objects] object in accordance with a definition generated by said shared-scene definer [definition means];

a shared-scene [setting means for setting] setter operable to set a specific shared scene to be used for each of [said] the scenes forming [said] the content information, [wherein] said specific shared scene [is] being selected [among] from shared scenes created by said shared-scene [creation means] creator;

a shared-object [setting means for setting] setter operable to set an object used in said specific shared scene as a shared object; and

a [control-information description means for describing] describer operable to describe control information for controlling a state of utilization of said shared objects in each of [said] the scenes in accordance with [said] the predetermined specification and in dependence on [a result of setting] said set specific shared scene [carried out by said shared-scene setting means].

2. (Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, [said apparatus characterized in that:

in setting shared scenes for each of said scenes,] wherein said shared-scene [setting means can be used for specifying] setter specifies an order of superposition of a plurality of said set specific shared scenes; and

· said [control-information description means] describer describes said control information for controlling an order of superposition of said shared objects used for each of [said] the scenes as a state of utilization of shared objects in each of [said] the scenes in accordance with said order of superposition of [shared objects specified by said shared-scene setting means] said set specific shared scenes.

Please insert the following new claims:

--3. An information processing apparatus for creating content information including a scene according to a predetermined specification, comprising:

a shared-scene definer operable to define a shared scene, said shared scene being a virtual scene usable by a plurality of scenes;

a shared-scene creator operable to create a plurality of shared scenes according to said shared-scene definer;

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a shared-scene setter operable to set a specific shared scene from said plurality of shared scenes, said specific shared scene being used by said plurality of scenes for forming the content information;

a shared object setter operable to set an object used in said specific shared scene as a shared object; and

a describer operable to describe control information for controlling the utilization of said shared object in each of said plurality of scenes.

4. A method for creating content information according to a predetermined specification, comprising:

creating a plurality of scenes each scene including an object, wherein the objects create content information for controlling an output format of the scenes and the objects;

defining a shared scene, the shared scene being a virtual scene usable by the plurality of scenes;

creating the shared scene using at least one object in accordance with the shared scene defining step;

setting a specific shared scene from the shared scenes created in the shared scene creating step;

using the set specific shared scene as the content information for each of the plurality of scenes;

defining a shared object in the content information according to the predetermined specification; and

sharing the shared object among the plurality of scenes.

5. A method according to claim 4, further comprising controlling utilization of the shared object in each of the plurality of scenes based upon the predetermined specification and the set specific shared scene.